

BRITISH SEE HOPE OF AVERTING CRISIS

Prospect of Allied Reparations Conference Now Overshadows Balfour Note

Will Pay American Debt

London, Aug. 4.—The attitude of the United States treasury department toward the allied debt question indicated by Washington dispatches saying the American policy would not affect the American policy toward the payment of war debts has attracted universal attention here.

Hope for Wider Conference

Further hope is ventured that the meetings will prepare the way for a wider conference in which the United States, on participating, may bring to the conference in Washington for the funding of the British debt may assume greater importance, and that Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, probably will be the principal British delegate.

Speculation in this regard extends in several directions, one idea being that the policy of canceling the European debts regardless of her own debt to the United States will be adopted by Great Britain, but that the work of carrying out this program will be transferred to other hands, to be chosen by an appeal to the people.

During the five hours of debate there was constant iteration of Great Britain's intention to repay her debt to the United States, but no pains were spared to make clearly apparent Great Britain's sacrifices in the war, her generous post-armistice attitude, and her staggering burdens of taxation, and the Premier's statement that the Government would bring out further interesting facts respecting the recent note of the Earl of Balfour on the subject of reparations.

Replies to Asquith

Mr. Lloyd George devoted the burden of his speech to replying to Mr. Asquith, whose remarks he characterized as unfortunate, declaring there was an absence of any concrete suggestions or a better formula than already had been adopted for a solution of the debts and reparations questions.

Reparations Elastic

Mr. Lloyd George emphasized that the Reparations Commission, acting under the Treaty of Versailles, had power to revise the amount of reparations from time to time, and that if the commission granted Germany a moratorium, it would be regarded as a moment of the annuities it would be no departure from the treaty.

Continuing, Mr. Lloyd George agreed that if Germany were pressed too hard it might be driven to renege on its obligations, but he said that the reparations of the reparations or the commission made little difference from the British point of view, but he said that the reparations of Europe would be a very different thing from revolutionary Russia.

Full Capacity Unknown

At the same time the Premier suggests under-estimating Germany's capacity to pay. He said that Germany like the rest of the world was in a state from a bad trade situation.

Fire on Troops at Indiana Mine

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Officers in command of the troops believed the firing, saying that it was a minor skirmish. The situation was regarded as quiet despite the firing, which began shortly after midnight and continued until daylight.

Soldiers Taking No Chances

The continued firing was the result of the "taking no chances" orders given to the militia. No one is supposed to be in the occupied zone without a pass and being armed.

Only Five Miners at Work

Five men were at work today in the No. 3 and 4 strip mines, which are to be opened first, because of the failure of local miners to respond to Governor McRay's call for volunteers to work them.

Indianapolis, Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—With the decision to await the result of the wage negotiations between union miners and coal operators set to begin at Cleveland next Monday, State officials here today declared that they had returned home today from the four-State conference called by Governor McRay.

No Specific Program Suggested

No specific program was suggested at the conference, except the agreement to call the Governors of all coal producing States into conference at Columbus, O., in event the strike is not ended soon.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—The first day before a gathering of railroad officials and their guests, St. Paul, Minn., president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Governor J. A. O. Parris said: "If no other action is taken, the situation of the National Administration in an effort to have four Eastern railroads—the Baltimore and Ohio, Chesapeake and Ohio, Erie, and Nashville and Norfolk and Western—taken over by the Government.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—Representatives of Illinois coal operators met here today to decide whether or not they would be present Monday at the Cleveland conference of operators and union leaders called by John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers.

\$400,000 Bribe Is Laid to Rum Men

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How Plot Was Hatched

Morris Lopoten, a druggist, of 1300 North Franklin street, told of a meeting in the Penn Square Building in June last year. He said the proposition of making money in a whiskey transaction was discussed.

Were to Defraud Greeks

Then I was detailed to the warehouse at Erie avenue and Amber street. While I was there with Agents Sprague and Thompson, Smith and Simon approached me again. Simon began the conversation by saying there was money to be made.

whisky should be. Since good whisky is valuable in the United States at this time, inferior whisky of a less alcoholic content could be substituted and the Greek Government would not notice the difference.

Hamilton testified Simon also said: "Your superior officer is in on this deal." Simon said he had no objection to this statement, but Hamilton objected to this. The witness said he was to get \$400 on each barrel.

Finally Agreed to "Go Along"

"I refused and said I would put a crimp into the whole scheme. But I changed my mind and agreed to go along with them. On June 10 a large truck drove up and we were loaded with whisky.

Admits Accepting Bribe

"The barrels were returned to the east warehouse, where Simon marked them with chalk."

One Defendant Missing

Commissioner Manley was ready at 10 o'clock, but the hearing was delayed while Assistant District Attorneys held the defendants in the hearing room.

IRISH REBELS QUIT POSITION

Nationals Now Dominate Suir Valley Toward Waterford

Dublin, Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—The irregulars, apparently abandoned intentions to make a stand on the banks of the River Suir.

DEADLOCK IN CHICAGO

Mayor Urges That City Buy and Operate Motor Buses

Chicago, Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—The fourth day of Chicago's street car strike graphed yesterday afternoon to the union and strike leaders in an apparent deadlock over terms for a settlement.

U. S. COUNTESS BREAKS LEG

Former Daisy Letter Injured In Fall From Horse

London, Aug. 4.—The Countess of Suffolk, while riding in Charlton Park yesterday, fell from her horse and suffered a broken leg.

Uncommon Sense : : Luck

THIS is an editorial on luck. It is not the usual assertion that there is no such thing as luck.

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to presidents of twelve railroad unions who men did not strike.

L. I. ROAD BARS STRIKERS

President Peters Says None Will Be Taken Back

New York, Aug. 4.—(By A. P.)—The Long Island Railroad, through President Peters, announced today that under no circumstances would it take back the men who went on strike from the various shops on July 1.

R. R. BRIDGE, COAL ROUTE, DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION

Home of Two Miners Who Are Working Also Is Bombed

Unintentional, Pa., Aug. 4.—A charge of dynamite was exploded on the bridge of the Monongahela Railroad which spans the Dunlap Creek at Footdale near here early today and the home of H. Finley, 23 Park avenue, in Uniontown, was bombed about the same time.

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MINERS CHARMED BY TROOPS' BAND

Workers and Guardsmen Smile at One Another in Concert Throng

By a Staff Correspondent

Washington, Pa., Aug. 4.—Some are saying today—with the Cleveland conference in the offing, the threat of Federal receiverships and the news that hard-coal operators and union leaders are to meet in conference—that last night's band concert in this center of the soft coal region was the swan song of the deadlock between the bituminous operators and workers.

It was the largest throng that has assembled since the strike began. But no soldier or no State trooper, mine guard or deputy sheriff tried to rout it.

Up to the hour of this concert the State police or the National Guard would have felt like getting serious if they saw a "crowd" of five persons.

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